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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Andhra Pradesh Forest Department – Departmental Proceedings initiated against Sri E. Arun Prakash, Forest Range Officer (Retd.), earlier Chintapalli Range of Narsipatnam Division under Rule 20 of A.P. Civil Services (CC & A) Rules, 1991 – Penalty of "2% (two percent) cut in pension for a period of two (2) Years" against the Charged Officer – Imposed - Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SEC.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.61 **Dated:30.09.2021**

Read the following:

1.From the PCCF & HoFF, A.P. Guntur, Lr. Ref.No.EFS02- 19021/37/2018-ADC-PCCF (2176/2014/A&DC-2), dated 26.03.2020.
2.Memo.No.1150/Sec.IV/2020, EFS & T (Sec.IV) Dept., dated 05.05.2021.
3.Further defense statement of Sri E. Arun Prakash, FRO (Retd.), dated 14.07.2021.
4.From the Secretary, APPSC, Lr. No. 438/DC&C/2021, dated 21.09.2021.

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ORDER:

In the letter 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Andhra Pradesh, Guntur has informed that the following Articles of Charges were issued to Sri E. Arun Prakash, Forest Range Officer (Retd.), earlier Chintapalli Range of Narsipatnam Division by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad in the Ref.No.2176/2014/Vig-1, dated 10.08.2015 under Rule 20 of A.P. Civil Services (CC & A) Rules, 1991:-

Article-I:"That the said Sri E. Arun Prakash, Forest Range Officer had exhibited gross neglect of duty resulting huge destruction of Teak Plantations in Chintapalli Range of Narsipatnam Division valued Rs.11,65,917/-".

Article- II:"That the said Sri E. Arun Prakash, Forest Range Officer had exhibited gross neglect of duty in submitting his weekly tour diaries to his superiors in time as per rules".

2. The Charged Officer acknowledged the receipt of Articles of Charges on 04.09.2015 and submitted his written statement of defence on 28.08.2017. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Andhra Pradesh, Guntur appointed the Chief Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam as Inquiry Officer and the Divisional Forest Officer, Narsipatnam as Presenting Officer vide Proc.No.217/2014/Vig-1, dated 28.12.2017, for conducting the regular inquiry.

3. The Inquiry Officer & Chief Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam has submitted the findings vide Rc.No.1472/2012/M8, dated 29.05.2019, wherein the Inquiry Officer has concluded that,

Article-I:"Proved to the extent of failing in protection of forest wealth/natural resources in his custody/jurisdiction and monitoring the staff".

Article-II:"Proven as diaries are not submitted in time as per codal provision".

4. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Andhra Pradesh has stated that the findings of the Inquiry Officer were communicated to the Charged Officer in the reference dt.05.07.2019. The Charged Officer acknowledged the RPAD (Postal) to the final notice dated Nil and did not submit any further defence statement.

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5. Since the Charged Officer has retired from the Government Service on attaining the age of superannuation on 31.12.2018, the disciplinary proceedings are continued under Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

6. The entire issue has been examined and it has been provisionally decided to impose a penalty of "2% (two percent) cut in pension for a period of two (2) years", against Sri E. Arun Prakash, Forest Range Officer (Retd.), earlier Chintapalli Range of Narsipatnam Division. Accordingly, a show-cause notice was issued to the retired Charged Officer in the Memo., 2nd cited through Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Andhra Pradesh, Guntur. In the reference 3rd cited, the Charged Officer has submitted his further defense statement, wherein he did not submit any new/valid/fresh points.

7. The Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission, in the letter 4th read above, has stated that Commission agreed with the proposals of the Government, to impose a penalty of "2% (two percent) cut in pension for a period of two (2) years", against Sri E. Arun Prakash, Forest Range Officer (Retd.), earlier Chintapalli Range of Narsipatnam Division.

8. After careful examination of the matter, the Government hereby order to impose a penalty of **"2% (two percent) cut in pension for a period of two (2) years"**, against Sri E. Arun Prakash, Forest Range Officer (Retd.), earlier Chintapalli Range of Narsipatnam Division under Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

9. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Andhra Pradesh, Guntur shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

VIJAY KUMAR G.Srkr
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri E. Arun Prakash, Forest Range Officer (Retd.), earlier Chintapalli Range of Narsipatnam Division through Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Andhra Pradesh, Guntur.
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Andhra Pradesh, Guntur.(with original record file No.1472/2012/M8 containing CF pages from 1 to 602)
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The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, Ibrahimpatnam, Vijayawada.
The Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission, Vijayawada.
The Secretary to Vigilance Commission, APVC, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi.
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